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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--16 MARCH 1963

1. PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE:

A. AS PART OF ITS SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING, THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CLOSE ITS BORDERS BETWEEN 16 AND 20 MARCH. 50X1

B. TASS, THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, AND PRENSA LATINA OF CUBA HAVE BEEN REFUSED PRESS CREDENTIALS.

2. SOVIET PERSONNEL IN CUBA:

A. THE ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV SAILED FROM HAVANA YESTERDAY.

C. THE VESSEL'S NORMAL PASSENGER CAPACITY IS 1,200. IF IT WERE TROOP-LOADED--AND THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT IT IS--IT COULD CARRY UPWARDS OF 4,500.

3. CUBA/LATIN AMERICA: 50X1

A. PLANS TO STAGE AN INTERNATIONAL PRO-CASTRO RALLY IN BRAZIL LATE THIS MONTH ARE GOING AHEAD.

B. SPONSORS OF THE GATHERING, WHICH IS BEING LABELLED THE "CONTINENTAL CONGRESS OF SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA," SAY THAT THEY ARE EXPECTING STRONG FINANCIAL BACKING FROM HAVANA.

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D. THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S STAND ON HOLDING THE CONGRESS IS AMBIGUOUS. IT HAS BEEN DRAGGING ITS FEET ON GRANTING VISAS TO PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS BUT HAS STOPPED SHORT OF AN OUTRIGHT BAN.

4. FOREIGN SHIPPING TO CUBA:

A. THE COUNT ON FOREIGN SHIP ARRIVALS DURING FEBRUARY WAS VERY NEARLY THE SAME AS IN JANUARY. [REDACTED]

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5. MALAYSIAN FEDERATION:

A. A NEW NOTE OF MODERATION HAS CREPT INTO EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA AND MALAYA OVER THE MALAYSIAN FEDERATION.

B. THERE IS NOW A GOOD PROSPECT THAT THE THREE PARTIES WILL AT LEAST AGREE TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER AT A MINISTERIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE.

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C. PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL, WHO HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN THE MEDIATION EFFORT, OBTAINED A CONCILIATORY STATEMENT FROM SUBANDRIO FOLLOWING THEIR JUST-CONCLUDED MEETING IN MANILA.

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7. HAITI:

A. THE ANTI-DUVALIER PLOT REMAINS ALIVE. OUR EMBASSY IN PORT-AU-PRINCE WAS TOLD YESTERDAY THAT AN ATTEMPT TO SEIZE DUVALIER IN HIS PALACE ~~WILL~~ ^{would} BE MADE LATER ~~TODAY~~ ^{in the day}.

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B. THERE WERE NO OUTWARD SIGNS OF IMPENDING TROUBLE IN THE HAITIAN CAPITAL

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8. NOTES:

A. GUATEMALA: PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY LEFTIST EX-PRESIDENT AREVALO THAT HE WILL RETURN HOME LATE THIS MONTH TO SEEK RE-ELECTION HAS REINFORCED THE APPREHENSION OF BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY RIGHTISTS.

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B. SOUTH KOREA: GENERAL PAK HAS ALL BUT SOUNDED THE DEATH KNELL OVER CHANCES FOR AN EARLY RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE. HE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE MILITARY JUNTA WILL REMAIN IN POWER ANOTHER FOUR YEARS. A NATIONAL REFERENDUM

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IS BEING CALLED TO PUT A LEGAL STAMP ON THE DECISION.

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C. CONGO: ADOULA IS AGAIN HAVING SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE CONGOLESE PARLIAMENT. THE OPPOSITION YESTERDAY VOTED DOWN THE GOVERNMENT'S CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE LOWER HOUSE BY 64 TO 42. WITH ONLY SEVEN MORE VOTES THE OPPOSITION, ITS STRENGTH ON THE INCREASE, COULD HAVE FORCED ADOULA OUT OF THE PREMIERSHIP.

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